REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended to properly state the dependent and multiple-dependent relationships in acceptable form. Claims 8-9 and 11-13 have been canceled. It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action at an early date is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

/W. Thad Adams, III/

W. Thad Adams, III Attorney for Applicant

W. Thad Adams, III ADAMS EVANS P.A. 2180 Two Wachovia Center 301 S. Tryon Street Charlotte, NC 28282 Tel: (704) 375-9249

Tel: (704) 375-9249 Fax: (704) 375-0729

E-mail: wta@adamspat.com